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1. Minister President Otto Grotewohl and Deputy Minister President Walter Ulbricht returned from Moscow to Berlin [redacted] The Politburo of the SED 25X1 was convened shortly after their arrival for a discussion of the action to be taken in case West Germany signed the contractual agreement before the holding of a four-power conference. Ulbricht and Grotewohl had been questioned in Moscow concerning the probable reception by the West German parties and people of the signing of the contractual agreement. Leaders of the SED are of the opinion that the agreement may be signed by the middle of May 1952, whereas the Soviet authorities believe that it is still possible to hinder the signing.
2. Turning to self-criticism, the Politburo discussed the failure of the SED to influence various social and political strata in West Germany. It was admitted that West German resistance to the SED is still greater than the resistance to the projects for rearmament and joint action with the United States. The members thought that the first Soviet note (10 March) had been a great help in bringing wide circles of West German opinion closer to the Soviet view, but concluded that the note had come at too advanced a stage of Western development. While the Politburo felt that the contractual agreement cannot now be prevented, it noted that considerable time remains before ratification by the Bundestag. The Russians will apply continuous pressure on the West for a four-power meeting, and the SED will take immediate steps to mobilize the West German population.
3. During the discussion of action in West Germany, the point was made that strikes, demonstrations, etc., will now be more difficult than ever, since the American forces in West Germany are prepared for an emergency alarm under the clause in 25X1 the agreement giving the Allies full powers in the event of a threat to public security through undemocratic uprisings.

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are being concentrated on May Day, under such slogans as "Against the contractual agreement -- we must stick together" and "We want Germany without 'Amis'". Demonstrations for German unity are to take place along the zonal border on May Day; large numbers of the "People's Police" will be stationed along the boundary.

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